public as well as various organisations like Indian Association of Blood Banks etc. for their comments before the final notification is issued.

Present Position of Secruity Scam Related Cases

1230. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) in how many security scam related cases, chargesheets have been issued and in how many cases investigation is still pending; and

(b) what steps are being considered to expedite investigation in India and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Central Bureau of Investigation have reported that chargesheets have been filed in 33 bank scam related cases and 18 cases are under various stages of investigation.

CBI have also reported that all necessary steps are being taken to expedite investigation in India and abroad including sending team of CBI Officers abroad for expeditious execution of letter Rogatories.

Measures to increase the revenue by Air India

1231. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has taken a series of measures to increase its revenue;

(b) if so, the target set for 1996-97;

(c) whether Air India also proposes to cut staff by half; and

(d) if so, the number of Air India staff going to be retrenched in the process?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) To improve its financial performance, Air India is taking steps to intensify its marketing efforts, augment capacity, expand neetwork of services, reduce non-operating costs and to improve its product, image and on time performance.

(b) The revenue target for 1996-97 is Rs. 4138.80 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Houses Constructed by Clerical Staff Working in State Bank of Indore

1232. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of houses in Durga Park and West Sagarpur, Pankha Road, New Delhi-110 045 constructed by clerical staff working in the Janakpuri Branch of the State Bank of Indore, during January, 1992 to March, 1995;

(b) the approximate advances granted for construction of houses and if no advances were granted then what are the sources of income for construction of the said houses;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Bank officers are shielding t..em if so, whether Government propose to inquire-into the matter;

(d) if so, by when the enquiries are likely to be completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMABARAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

12.00 NOON

(The Deputy Chairman *in the Chair*)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Small Industries Development Bank of India, Lucknow and related popers.

II. Report on the working and activities of the Banks.